

DIRECTORS TRY TO SHIFT BLAME

Equitable Officials Join State in Asking an Investigation.

MANY CHARGES ADMITTED

MANAGERS OF THE COMPANY RESPONSIBLE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The Equitable Life Assurance society today joined with the state of New York in asking for a full investigation in court of its directors and officers and their alleged wrongdoings in managing the money of the society. The document which announced this determination was the answer of the forty-nine Equitable directors to the charges against them by the state.

Admission is made that the Equitable had been guilty of improper acts. Among these answers they admit the \$250,000 loan to the Depew Improvement Company. They admit the \$860,000 loan of the Mercantile Trust company, but waive responsibility in this loan so far as the board of directors is concerned, and indicate Messrs. Alexander, Jordan and Denning and the officers having the most intimate knowledge of these transactions.

Admin Excessive Salaries.

The charge that excessive salaries were paid to officers of the society is not directly answered, but admission is made that under guise of salaries excessive fees were given to certain officials who were also directors in other companies. In defense the answer states that these practices were known to the whole board of directors. Cutting their belief as to the best policy to pursue in the face of the charges for the scandals, the directors say first that the blame for alleged cases of misconduct will be found to rest on individual officers and not on the directors as a body. Having made this explanation the answer then admits in a general way the wrongdoing charged.

First Charge Admitted.

The first charge specifically answered is that premises on Broadway were let at inadequate rentals to the Mercantile Safe Deposit company. This is admitted, but it is denied that at the time this lease was made James H. Hyde, J. W. Alexander, Gage E. Tarbell, V. P. Snyder, Thomas D. Jordan, Charles E. Alexander, H. R. Winthrop, A. W. Kreeb and William H. McIntosh were stockholders and directors in the Mercantile company.

With certain reservations admission is then made that the capital stock of the Missouri Safe Deposit company was acquired by the Equitable, which paid \$250 per share for shares of a par value of \$100. The reservations in favor of the Equitable in connection with this charge include a claim that these allegations are true in respect to certain of the Equitable officials, but that the alleged purchases were never known to the whole board of directors.

Guilty of Grave Errors.

The directors admit that the officers who permitted the wasteful, improvident and improper advances of money to agents may have been guilty of grave errors of judgment, but assert that they have no information sufficient to form a belief that these officers were knowingly guilty of such improper acts.

The consolidation of the Western National bank, by which losses resulted to the Equitable and a profit to some of its directors, is also admitted. But the directors say that the officers who were for these losses must be divided among those who "directly participated in, or had, or by reason of their official duties and position, should have had knowledge of the transactions."

Figures Are True.

The table of alleged improper salaries to Equitable officers, which was embodied in the state's charges, is declared to be a true statement of the figures. A direct admission is then made that these sums were paid without sufficient vouchers or audit, but the directors say that their opinion is reserved as to whether such sums were large and in all cases unwarranted.

Admissions of greater latitude are made on the subject of salaries paid to the charges that money under the guise of fees was received by directors and stockholders who were also officers of the Equitable and its subsidiaries. After admission that these moneys were received as charged, the reply states:

"Any of these defendants were ignorant of said transactions, which were not of a character as generally known to the whole board of directors." Further on the reply states:

"Some officers paid pensions were found to be justifiable, and some others improper."

Taking up the \$860,000 loan of the Mercantile Trust company, an admission of its existence is made, but the directors deny that they improperly permitted this transaction.

Finally admission of the payment of this \$860,000 to the Mercantile Trust company on July 1, 1904, is made, but it is said that this occurred only after the trust company had asserted a claim against the Equitable and after this claim had been satisfied by the present managing officers of the Equitable.

The Depew Loan.

The \$250,000 loan to the Depew Improvement company is next admitted, with a provision which states that this admission is restricted to "those of the individual defendants who were or ought to have been cognizant of these transactions."

The directors then announce that the examination of the facts in connection with the Depew Improvement company is now presented with a view to recovering by legal action or by adjustment of the court any sums that may be found due to the Equitable, whether the persons now possessing this money are officers of the Equitable or the Depew Improvement company.

The charges of the existence of excessive deposits in the National Bank of Commerce of New York and at least nineteen other banks are admitted, but this admission is restricted to those directors and officers who actually had charge of or knowledge of those transactions.

Excessive Deposits.

Precisely the same restricted admission is made concerning the officers of the American Deposit and Loan company, a corporation which is admitted to have been organized for lending money to holders upon policies held in the Equitable and used to the profit of directors and others in the Equitable.

The \$10,000,000 surplus held by the Equitable society is the final item considered by the directors and in substance their reply to this charge is that they do not know precisely what their rights are regarding the surplus and that they are willing to leave this matter for the courts to decide.

THE CLEANEST RESTAURANT

In Salt Lake and the best cooking daily lunch room, 154 So. W. Temple.

MRS. MARY ISABELLA HORNE, PIONEER AND RELIEF SOCIETY WORKER, DIES



Mrs. Mary Isabella Horne.

Mrs. Mary Isabella Horne, a pioneer of Utah and one of the most prominent workers of the Mormon church, died at 7 o'clock last evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. James, 128 Third street. She was 82 years of age and up to the beginning of her decline, due to old age, she was president of the Relief Society of the Salt Lake Stake of the Mormon church.

Mrs. Horne was the daughter of Stephen and Mary Ann Hales. She was born in Rahway, county of Kent, England, November 20, 1818, and with her father's family emigrated to Canada in 1836, where she embraced the Mormon faith and married Joseph Horne, who died eight years ago in Salt Lake. She and her husband emigrated to Missouri and lived there during the troublesome days of the Latter-day Saints in that state until the Mormons were driven to Navajo. From there she left with the Mormons, belonging to Apostle John Taylor's company, for Salt Lake, arriving here in the summer of 1847, where she has since resided.

She at once became a prominent church worker and kept faithfully at her work until death called her away. In 1855 she served as counselor to Phoebe Woodruff, president of the Relief Society of the Fourteenth ward, and later became president of that organization, which position she held for fourteen years when she was chosen president over all the societies in Salt Lake stake. At the organization of the general board of Relief society work she was chosen treasurer, which position she held until 1901. She also acted as counselor to Mrs. Zina D. H. Young in the silk association.

Mrs. Horne was the mother of fifteen children, eight of whom are still living. She has ninety-eight grandchildren and forty-eight great grandchildren. Her husband died April 27, 1897.

Mrs. Horne was ill nine weeks. Her ailment was simply a decline owing to old age. Arrangements for the funeral will be announced later.

WYCHE TO BUILD ROAD.

In Charge for Western Pacific at Salt Lake End.

On top of the visit to this city of Chief Engineer E. J. Yard of the Denver & Rio Grande for the purpose of looking over proposed sites for Western Pacific terminals, etc., comes the announcement that the Western Pacific will again open offices in Salt Lake and that Thomas J. Wyche will be in charge. Mr. Wyche is at present division engineer for the Union Pacific. It is understood that he will be in charge of the construction of the first 282 miles out of Salt Lake.

Until the arrival of Chief Engineer Virgil J. Bogue of the Western Pacific, actual operations will not be begun. Chief Engineer Yard and General Manager A. C. Ridgeway of the Denver & Rio Grande left yesterday afternoon for the construction of the line. His camp at the present time is on the Bliss ranch, twelve miles east of this place.

Mr. Bogue's headquarters are at Reno, Nev., revising the line. His camp at the present time is on the Bliss ranch, twelve miles east of this place.

SLEEPERS TO TONOPAH.

Through Train Service Is Announced by Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—The Southern Pacific company will inaugurate a through train service to Tonopah, by the way of the Hazen cut-off, on the evening of Aug. 31, when the regular Reno train leaving here at 7 o'clock will carry through sleepers to the Nevada mining camp. The train will reach Tonopah at 9:40 o'clock the following night.

To Celebrate at Malad.

Malad is preparing to celebrate the advent of the Oregon Short Line with the completion of its branch out of Garfield Sept. 15. The branch line will run through Malad valley for thirty-two miles. There is still a considerable amount of track and sidings to put in.

DENVER EXCURSIONS.

September 1st and 2nd.

Via Oregon Short Line. Round trip from Salt Lake only \$12.00, proportionate rates from other stations. Tickets good for return until Sept. 30. See agents for further particulars. City ticket office 201 Main street.

A SPOON SHAKER

Straight From Coffeodoom.

"Coffee can marshall a good squadron of enemies and some very hard ones to overcome. A lady in Florida writes: 'I have always been very fond of good coffee, and for years drank it at least three times a day. At last, however, I found myself feeling ill. I became bilious, subject to indigestion and violent headaches, and so very nervous that I could not lift a spoon to my mouth. I was eating a part of its contents; my heart got 'frettery' and beat so fast and so hard that I could scarcely breathe, while my skin got thick and lumpy, with yellow blotches on my face, caused by the condition of my liver and blood. I made up my mind that all these afflictions came from the coffee, and I determined to experiment and see.'"

"So I quit coffee and got a package of Postum, which furnished my hot morning beverage. After a little time I was rewarded by a complete restoration of my health in every respect. I do not suffer from biliousness any more, my headaches have disappeared, my nerves are as steady as could be desired, my heart beats regularly and my complexion has cleared up beautifully—the blotches have been wiped out and it is such a pleasure to be well again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason.

Robbed of Forty Dollars.

Another case of pocket-picking was reported yesterday to the police. An old man en route from Massachusetts to Portland discovered that he had been robbed of \$40, presumably by a stranger whom he had seen in the depot grounds in Salt Lake and who engaged him in conversation for some time.

AMUSEMENTS

The Lyric theatre season opens tonight with "The Colonial Belles," an extravaganza company that will have a week's engagement, with matinees on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. The organization comes highly recommended and the Lyric management assures its patrons that they will be more than satisfactorily entertained. Twenty-five pretty girls, "in dainty costumes, and blessed with fresh and musical voices" are promised, together with a number of clever vaudeville features.

The final performance of "Mrs. Black is Back," was given before a large audience in the Salt Lake theatre last night.

FISH ARE KILLED OFF.

Hundreds Die in Tanks Because of Muddy Water.

Several hundred trout confined in private ponds and aquariums of the city met death as a result of the muddy water that flowed into the ponds from Parley's creek yesterday. Notable sufferers were the up-town restaurants that keep a supply of trout in glass cases for table use. One of these restaurants reported its loss as about 200 trout, while others suffered proportionately.

The fish did not appear to be affected by the muddy water until during the afternoon. They moved around as usual for a time after the supply streams began to discharge the discolored water and no thought was given to the fish in connection with the condition of the water. Early in the afternoon employees of the places noticed that a few fish were dying, but paid no particular notice to them. Later on, however, the fish began to die by two, three and dozens and by early evening there was not a living fish in any of the cases. Crawfish, turtles and other animals confined in the cases did not appear to be affected by the muddy water.

HELD'S BAND Will Go to Ogden

With the excursion on the Oregon Short Line on Sunday, Aug. 27, there will be a special train leaving Salt Lake at 6:40 p. m., and returning leaving Ogden at 1:30 p. m. Bicycles will be carried free.

OGDEN NEWS

Office, 2484 Washington Avenue.

Ogden, Saturday, Aug. 26.

WILD PRANKS OF LIGHTNING

Electrical Disturbance, Accompanied by Heavy Rainfall, Startles People of Weber County.

The electrical storm that raged in Ogden last night was one of the wildest ever witnessed in this vicinity. There were long periods when flash followed flash of lightning so rapidly as to make almost one continuous glare. The roar and rattle of thunder was also continuous, and the wind was a howling gale. The streets were flooded within a few minutes after the storm began to descend. Street cars were stopped, the fuses and the transformers of the electric lighting system were disarranged in various parts of the city, so that the city was for a time in darkness in a number of sections.

The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company also had its lines badly damaged, nearly half of the instruments in the city being put out of commission. Street cars were stopped, the fuses were carried out, and the storm was not over until nearly an hour when a second storm came, but did not entail great damage, but made things lively. The operating room while the storm was in progress, as the fuses were being replaced, the damage done by the storm reports as loud as pistol shots. All this while the thunder, lightning and rain fell, and the storm was not over until nearly an hour when a second storm came, but did not entail great damage, but made things lively.

In the canyon the storm was furious, and the campers suffered a great amount of discomfort, many being beaten through the tents as though they were nothing more than cheese cloth. Quantities of dirt and gravel were blown into the camp, and some damage was done to the roads.

During the first disturbance a bolt of lightning struck a warehouse at the corner of Grant avenue and Twentieth street. The building is owned by Smith Brothers and used in connection with their business. The fact that the lightning struck the warehouse was a coincidence, as the building was not struck by lightning for some time.

USES KNIFE ON FRIEND.

Gratuitous Advice to Mike Doran the Cause of His Wounding.

William Gill, a laborer on the Sand Ridge cut-off, yesterday afternoon, while on duty, was attacked by Mike Doran, a fellow laborer and friend, inflicting a bad wound in the back just above the kidneys. Both men had been drinking, but neither was intoxicated. David Eccles, a proprietor of the Sand Ridge camp, and claims he used the knife in self-defense. The two men were in the Diamond saloon and Doran gave Doran some gratuitous advice regarding the advice and struck Gill. Doran walked out to the Sand Ridge camp where he realized how serious his wound was, and then he came back to Ogden, the county physician, attended to the wounded man. Gill was soon arrested and is held at the county jail to await the outcome of the injuries inflicted upon Doran. It is not thought they will be serious.

DEAL IS PENDING.

Big Company May Furnish Power for Street Cars.

R. S. Campbell, manager of the Utah Light & Railway company, and William Young, engineer of the same company, were in Ogden yesterday consulting with David Eccles, owner of the Sand Ridge camp, regarding the furnishing of the Utah Light & Railway company of the electric power for the operation of the Ogden Rapid Transit company. The proposition has been under consideration for several months. No agreement, however, was reached yesterday, although Mr. Eccles stated that the matter had been considered and negotiations would be resumed. In case the deal is consummated it is expected that the Sand Ridge camp will give up the present power plant and that the Utah Light & Railway company will use it either as an auxiliary plant or as a transforming station, which is needed in Ogden.

Forfeited Fifty Dollars to City.

A. J. Cook, who was arrested at the Brown and Officer Robert Burke, charged with the larceny of a grip, and who was released on \$500 bond, yesterday forfeited the extra bit of baggage, and his \$50 was declared forfeited.

Ogden Briefs.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen have returned from Eden.

Mrs. Margaret Piles of Iowa has signed a contract to teach school in Weber county this year and has been assigned to Randall.

The first meeting of creditors of George McGonigle, bankrupt, has been set for hearing before Commissioner Thomas Maloney.

E. M. Ramey yesterday brought to the office of the county clerk a wild cat pet which he claimed owned. This was the first wild cat skin to be presented for bounty since the present county clerk took office.

Women's Belts

Women's washable embroidered belts, gilt buckles, assorted sizes, sold all summer at 25c each. This Saturday at—

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